

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application.

Allowance of claims 26-28 is acknowledged, with appreciation.

Claims 29-31 have been canceled above, without prejudice. The dependencies of claims 32-36 have been amended to advance prosecution.

Claims 26-28 and 32-39 are pending.

The Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 33-36 is obviated by the above amendments. Withdrawal of the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 33-36 is requested.

The Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 29-39 stated on pages 3-7 of the Office Action dated February 4, 2005, is obviated by the above amendments.

Claims 29-31, and claims dependent therefrom, have been canceled, without prejudice. Withdrawal of the Section 112, first paragraph, rejection is requested.

The Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 29-30, stated on pages 7-10 of the Office Action dated February 4, 2005, is moot in view of the above amendments. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required in this regard.

Attached is a PTO 1449 Form listing documents of record in the parent patent, U.S. Patent No. 6,773,910, as well as the parent patent. The undersigned understands

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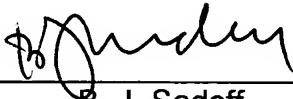
from MPEP § 609 that the Examiner has already considered these documents and that the attached PTO 1449 Form must be submitted in the event the applicants desire the references to be listed on the face of any patent issuing from the present application.

✓ Return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO 1449 Form, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is requested. The Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned in the event anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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